Mul facing stiff competition in the country

3949. SHRI SURENDRA LATH : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Maruti Ugyog Ltd. (MUL) is facing a stiff competition in several cities and towns in the country despite the growing popularity of Maruti cars;

(b) whether the sales centres of Maruti cars are not very inadequate in number when compared to its demand particularly in the metro and major cities;

(c) whether MUL proposes to increase its dealer network in those cities in view of the increasing demand of various models of MUL; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by MUL in that regard?;

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) Maruti Udyog Limited is facing competition from other car manufacturers. However it has been maintaining majority market share.

(d) According to MUL, it has the largest dealer netwoork in the country among all players in the industry.

(c) and (d) The Government of India is a minority stakeholder in the company. However, the expansion of sales network by MUL is a continuous process. It is based on changing demand potential in various markets across the country.

Loss in Andrew Yule & Company

3950. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Andrew Yule & Company has incurred loss in recent years;

(b) whether Government have received any revival scheme from the company for approval; and

(c) if so, by when the revival scheme is likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) The Company has been incurring losses since the year 2000-2001.